



Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116
Expedited Procedure

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re

Application of: Howard TANNER et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE SURGICAL REPAIR OF ANEURYSMS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 12, 2000, Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 82 and 97 as follows:

82. (Twice Amended) An introducer sheath device for use during a surgical procedure for introducing surgical components into a vessel into a patient, said introducer sheath device comprising: